Mr. President: This is question time. You can ask only questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Did you read the Gazette before you answered this question?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* When questions are put is it not necessary to ascertain such things?

Mr. President: That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I put the question whether such a resolution was passed or not before the Government answered this question.

Mr. President: The answer has already been given by the Engineering Member that the Government are not aware.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does not the Municipal Council send the resolutions to Government?

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC, TRICHUR—FACILITIES AFFORDED

17. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are beds attached to the Tuberculosis Institute, Trichur;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) what is the kind of treatment that is given to in-patients;

(*d*) are they treated there till the patients are cured of their diseases;

(*e*) how many of them have been treated there, and what is the result?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 14.

(*c*) Treatment given is of a varied nature depending upon the nature of each case. Chemotherapy, collapse therapy, artificial pneumothorax, phrenico-exairesis, etc., are some of the forms of treatment.

(*d*) Yes, as far as possible.

(*e*) 105. These are classified as.—

Disease arrested	..	1
Much improved	..	34
Improved	..	44

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Checked	..	20
Grew worse	..	4
Died	..	2.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the inpatients are treated in the Tuberculosis Institute until they are completely cured?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* You are treating them only for the purpose of diagnosis of the disease. Is it not so?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* We are treating them for two purposes. The main purpose is to render the patients as far as possible infection free.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the total number of patients examined in the clinics?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* A very large number.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know it approximately?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* About 3,000 persons have been examined?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know how the percentage of positive cases works out?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the nature of the relative treatments given there?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Here at the clinic patients who are not in a position to go and stay in distant Sanatoriam are given treatment in the shape of pneumothorax. This treatment is to make patients non-infectious so that the function of the clinic is mainly to see that this infectious disease is rendered as far as possible non-infectious.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Are poor patients treated till they are completely cured?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Only for a short time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is the Government aware that the danger of infection to the Trichur public has considerably increased after the clinic was started?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is probably so. It is probale because a large number of patients do go to Trichur now to attend the clinic there.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is any arrangement made for the persons who stay in Trichur for treatment? Are they not living in rented houses and hotels?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do concede that some arrangements should be made to house these patients.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* You said that there are about 3,000 patients, out of which at least 1,500 must be from outside. I am asking the question with reference to the people coming from outside.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not think that a large number come from outside. Of course some do. All round Trichur is highly infectious.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are the Government aware that people migrate to Trichur and live in rented buildings in crowded quarters?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I am not aware.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to issue orders that the poor people who come from Cochin and Ernakulam will be given facilities for treatment until they are completely cured?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The function of the clinic is not that. The accommodation available is very limited. Unless you put up a sanatorium for 1,500 it is not possible to give the treatment suggested to all that go there.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know Sir, whether the disease becomes innocuous when the patient becomes slightly improved. With reference to sub-division (*e*) may I know whether in respect of cases where some improvement is seen, they are free from infection?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The idea of this treatment is to make them non-infectious. Whether this is successful or not is quite a different matter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Does the doctor who is in charge of this clinic certify that so far as such cases are concerned they are non-infectious?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* He does not certify.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Then what is the use of having 105 patients when there is accommodation only for 14?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The idea of providing 14 beds is only to give a temporary shelter to those patients who require it. This is only a temporary measure.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* To treat them as regular patients will take several months. This is only a temporary arrangement when they have to undergo an operation.

TUBERCULOSIS WORK—SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING IN

18. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any applications were invited, from medical men in Government service who were willing to train themselves at Madanapalle Tuberculosis Hospital before the Tuberculosis Clinic was started at Trichur, by means of a circular;

(*b*) what is the date of the circular;

(*c*) were applications received;

(*d*) who were the applicants?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 28th February 1940 (16th Kumbham 1115).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The following were the applicants.—

Messrs.	Messrs.
A. P. Francis	A. Porinchu
C. V. George	P. A. Paul
B. C. Antony	K. P. Chakkunny
M. I. Mathew	C. J. David
P. I. Jacob	T. C. Paul
N. R. Ganapathy	M. Achyuta Panicker
P. Madhava Menon	K. Keralavarma Thirupad
T. Parameswara Menon	N. Thiruvenkitanathan
V. Krishnankutty Menon	N. P. Neelakantan Nambiar
K. Bhaskara Menon	V. C. Kumaran
S. Vasava Menon	E. Krishna Warriar
P. K. Menon	A. V. Chummar
V. K. Gangadhara Menon	P. Kerala Varma and

Miss K. Sumithra

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether of the various applicants that have applied for this anybody was chosen?

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